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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Confirmation No. 8747

Norihito SHIMONO et al.

Docket No. 2002 0055A

Serial No. 10/048,063

Group Art Unit 1615

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Examiner Micah Paul Young

SOLID PREPARATION CONTAINING CHITOSAN POWDER AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Petition hereby is made for a two month extension of time to respond to the communication of December 17, 2003.

The fee of \$420.00 is

- (X) submitted herewith.
- to be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0975. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.
- () Small entity status of this application is established by a Small Entity Status Assertion which
  - () is enclosed.
  - () has been previously submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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